

GLOBAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 15, 2015
Minutes Approved: August 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened by First Selectman Gayle Weinstein at 7:50am in the Town Hall Meeting Room with the following members in attendance: Tom Landry, Allen Swerdlowe, Steve Ezzes, Jerry Sargent, Ellen Uzenoff, and Colleen Palmer.

Also attending were: Beth Gralnick, Matt Brodacki, Joanne Keating, Elise Major, Juanita Forsythe, Robert Soloff, Melissa Koller, Jon Weingarten, Sara Spaulding, Nina Daniel, Joe Olenik, and John Ojarovsky.

There was a question from Mr. Swerdlowe regarding the membership of the Committee. Ms. Weinstein said that she ran a very informal meeting, and many non-Committee members are invited to the discussion as there are so many stake holders in the process. However, the formal voting Committee consists of: Chair and Vice Chair of BOE and Board of Finance, herself, the Superintendent, the Town Administrator, and the Chair of the Building Committee.

CONSULTANT SERVICES: The group discussed the draft RFP written by Ms. Forsythe and Mr. Swerdlowe. The consensus was that the issue of exploring Town development options was a separate issue from the need for a new Public Safety complex. Additionally, that the Public Safety issue needs to be resolved in a relatively immediate time frame as compared to the other matter. And finally, that the group did wish to pursue a review/discussion of development options. Accordingly, the group will separate the two matters for study purposes. The First Selectman will speak with the rest of the Board on Thursday night regarding support for this additional study.

BONDING OUTLOOK: Ms. Weinstein provided handout materials indicating the financial impact of a bond issue for the purposes of building a new Public Safety complex. Maintaining a General Fund balance amount of 10.5% to 12% of budget would provide \$2.85 to 3.9 million toward the \$9.2 million project. A bond issue for the balance would impact the average tax bill by less than \$150 in the peak year at the highest bond amount (\$125 for the lower amount).

The group also discussed the possibility of School offices staying in the Annex building for eight years, as the building seems in suitable condition to serve its purpose until then. After that, expected diminished enrollment numbers would make a wing of the Middle School available for school offices. Town offices could be relocated to the vacated Police Department, and if relocation was required, the Senior Center could go to the Central Office building, which preserves North House for reuse as classrooms if enrollments turn back up, or can be hibernated if no longer needed.

MINUTES: The group approved the meeting minutes of March 30, 2015 by unanimous vote (Dr. Palmer motion, Allen Swerdlowe second).

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.